

SENATE BILL 66

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 23, relative to tuition and fees charged to military reserve and national guard personnel who are mobilized for service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Military reserve and national guard personnel who are mobilized to active military service within six (6) months of attendance at a state institution of higher education and whose mobilization lasts more than six (6) months shall be charged upon reenrollment at such institution the tuition, maintenance fees, student activity fees and required registration or matriculation fees that were in effect when such student was enrolled prior to mobilization. After reenrollment, no increase in tuition, maintenance fees, student activity fees or required registration or matriculation fees shall be assessed to such student until a period of time equal to one (1) year plus the combined length of all military mobilizations has elapsed. In no event, however, shall a student's tuition and fees be frozen after reenrollment for more than four (4) years.

(b) To be eligible for the tuition and fee freeze under this section, the student shall have completed military service under honorable conditions and shall reenroll in a state institution of higher education within six (6) months of release from active duty.

(c) A student eligible for the tuition and fee freeze under this section may transfer from one state institution of higher education to another state institution of higher education one (1) time with such student's tuition and fees calculated at the institution to which the student transfers as if the student had been in attendance at that institution

before the mobilization that resulted in the student's tuition and fee freeze at the initial institution.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.